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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE/ DATE OF PUBLICATION	NAME/COUNTRY
US 2004/0018660 A1	01/29/2004	Kim et al.
US 2002/0072215 A1	06/13/2002	Furuya
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OTHER ART

Jang et al., "CrCu Based UBM (Under Bump Metallization) Study With Electroplated Pb/63Sn Solder Bumps-Interfacial Reaction and Bump Shear Strength," IEEE Transactions on Components and Packaging Technologies, Vol. 26, No. 1, March 2003, pp. 245-254.

Reid et al., "Factors Influencing Damascene Feature Fill Using Copper PVD and Electroplating," Solid State Technology, July 2000, pp. 86-88, 92, 96, 98, 103.

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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of cited references A4-A13. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Also enclosed is a copy of an Office Action dated July 27, 2004 from the corresponding German Application (in the German language).

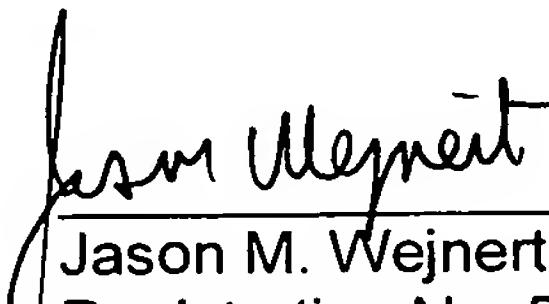
Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report dated March 1, 2005 for the corresponding PCT Application No. WO2004/052999.

FR 2 502 399 discloses a semiconductor device having low resistance connection to a portion thereof carrying substantial current. A non-certified English translation of the Abstract is enclosed herewith. Applicants have also cited corresponding Great Britain Patent No. 2 095 904 A.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>	
A12	Jang et al., "CrCu Based UBM (Under Bump Metallization) Study With Electroplated Pb/63Sn Solder Bumps-Interfacial Reaction and Bump Shear Strength," IEEE Transactions on Components and Packaging Technologies, Vol. 26, No. 1, March 2003, pp. 245-254.	
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